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For

SURFACE MODIFICATION PROCESS ON

METAL DENTURES, PRODUCTS PRODUCED THEREBY, AND THE INCORPORATED

SYSTEM THEREOF

Group Art Unit

3732

Examiner

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### **Preliminary Amendment**

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## **IN THE ABSTRACT**:

Amend the abstract as shown on the sheet appended hereto, the amendments being shown by brackets in the Appendix hereto.

#### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A Pulsed Electron Beam System is developed and applied for the surface modification of the metal and/or partial metal dentures. The system is consisted with an explosive emission cathode, accelerating gap formed by the cathode and plasma anode, and an electron collector where the metal and/or partial metal dentures are fixed, and placed into a magnetic field. The method can provide a modified metal and/or partial metal denture surface with high reflectance as a mirror polished surface and high corrosion resistance.